Education Support to the DOD—Worldwide

Georgia and Massachusetts host Regional Workshops

How would you like to get the latest education program information offered through DANTES at a setting



Atlanta Marriott Marquis

in beautiful Southbridge, Mass. in August or the bustling city of Atlanta, Ga. in September?

DANTES periodically conducts workshops in various regions around the U.S. to provide information and updates about DANTES programs.

These workshops are targeted to Education Service Officers (ESOs), counselors, and others who represent the military voluntary education community, along with representatives from colleges who provide degree programs to Service members.

The focus of the workshop is to promote a better understanding and utilization of the voluntary education programs managed by DANTES.

The agenda will cover such items

as updates from Servicemembers Opportunity College, the American Council on Education, as well as what DANTES has to offer the military members throughout their career, whether that be two years or 30 plus years.

The Regional Workshop in Massachusetts will be held at the Department of Defense Executive Management Training Center, Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center, on August 7-9, located in the New England town of Southbridge. It is easily accessible, with just a one hour's drive from both Boston and

Hartford, Conn.

Southbridge combines the beauty and hospitality of a fine hotel with the technological convenience of a conference center.

The lodging cost for the first 75 federal employees to register for the Southbridge Hotel is FREE. Adults only (no children) are allowed to stay in

the Southbridge Hotel, and payment for the breakfast and lunch meals is mandatory for each adult staying in the hotel. The cost for the two meals will be \$22.25 per person. Tax and all fees must be paid using a credit card. Deadline for registering is **14 July.** To register for a hotel room plus attendace to the Southbridge DANTES Regional



DOD Executive Management Training Center, Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center, Southbridge,

Workshop, visit the DANTES Web site: http://www.dantes.doded.mil and click on Training/Conferences.

Another Regional Workshop is

scheduled in Atlanta, Ga. September 18-20 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. This hotel also will be the location of the DoD Worldwide Education Symposium 27-31 July 2009. Visit the DANTES Web site at:http://

www.dantes.doded.mil and click on Training/ Conferences to view the Regional Workshop information and to register. Lodging

reservations are made

by the individual and will be at the per diem rate as long as you register 30 days or more prior to this workshop. If you fly into Atlanta, transportation cost on the MARTA ride from the airport is about \$2.00. Please register early.

For additional information, e-mail training@voled.doded.mil.

"Every command should have a counselor or ESO in attendance at this great workshop."

-- a lieutenant at the San Diego Regional Workshop

Testing Calendar

June 2007

1 Excelsior Extended

Response (Essay)

11 LSAT

August 2007

3 Excelsior Extended

Response (Essay)

4-8 Praxis *

September 2007

1 LSAT

Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders six weeks before the test date. CONUS test centers send orders four weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date. *Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

Online calendar:

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/06-07cal.pdf

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If you would like the DANTES Information Bulletin (DIB) e-mailed to you every month, e-mail
Publications at

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pubs@voled.doded.mil.

www.dantes.doded.mil.

Tuition cut for military personnel

The Limestone College Extended Campus Program is now offering a half tuition rate to all members of the U.S. Armed Forces, both active and reserve. The 50 percent tuition per course applies to both evening classroom and Internet classes.

"Limestone College is very proud of our students who currently serve in the Armed Forces," said Dave Rilling, Limestone's vice president for Financial Affairs. "We believe that this policy is the right thing to do to support all of those brave men and women."

Limestone College is a SOC institution and is a member of the SOCAD, SOCCOAST and SOCNAV programs. For more information, military personnel should call the Extended Campus at 1-866-654-2223.

Association of Counselors and Educators in Government (ACEG)

Are you a government counselor or educator? Looking to connect with other professionals? The ACEG may be the connection you are looking for. ACEG was organized to:

- Encourage, deliver, and participate in meaningful guidance, counseling, and education programs for all persons served.
- Encourage, develop, facilitate, and promote professional development activities for administrators, counselors, and education services providers, whether employed by government agencies or private contractors.
 - Develop and promote the highest standards of professional conduct.
- Establish and maintain full communications networks among such professionals.

To join or read more about ACEG visit: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/organizations/aceg/index.htm.

SAT reminder

TCOs are reminded that 30 June 2007 is the last day for administration of the current year SAT form. SAT tests administered after this date will not be scored. Please inform potential examinees of this deadline. In lieu of the SAT, use the ACT in the months of July through September.

DANTES test centers may continue to use the current SAT examination, Form 55, until the 30 June 2007 cutoff date. Return all SAT Form 55

examinations immediately after 30 Jun. The SAT for use 2007 – 2008 may be ordered at the same time but will not be shipped until the test center's old SAT test booklets are received at the testing agency. The new SAT will be shipped in mid-Aug 07, which will allow most centers to have them entered into WebDATIP in time for the 30 Sep Inventory Report. These materials may be used immediately. However, the tests will not be scored until Oct 07.

A 2007-2008 DANTES/SAT Examiners Manual will provide instructions for the SAT Examination. Address your questions to exams@voled.doded.mil.

Troops to Teachers wins national award from MetLife



Retired Air Force veteran John Fredd, a teacher at Arizona's Percy L. Julian School, is one of 10,000 military veterans who have found a second career as a public school teacher with help from the Troops to Teachers program.

Troops to Teachers has been selected to receive the MetLife Foundation/Civic Ventures BreakThrough Award, one of 10 national award winners selected because, according to the official release, of "its inspiring practices in hiring and retaining individuals age 50 and over to meet important social needs."

According to the organization's Web site, the BreakThrough Award is for "innovative organizations that tap the passion and experience of people over 50 to improve society. It's a salute to any nonprofit or public sector agency that takes on local, national, or international challenges by engaging this vast and vibrant workforce for good."

Since 1994, Troops to Teachers (TTT) has helped more than 10,000 military veterans transition into second careers as public school teachers where their skills, knowledge and experience are most needed.

Nearly half of the 10,000 Troops to Teachers are 50 or over according to a 2005 National Center for Educational Information (NCEI) report, a majority of whom retired from military service after more than 20 years of service.

In addition to providing a second career to America's veterans, Troops to Teachers provides schools with highly qualified, highly-in-demand educators.

According to the NCEI report:

- * 82 percent of teachers entering through Troops to Teachers are male, compared to 18 percent overall.
 - · 37 percent of Troops teachers are persons of

color, compared to 15 percent overall.

- · 46 percent of Troops teachers teach sciences (biology, geology, physics, and chemistry), versus 18 percent overall
- · 27 percent are teaching math, versus 7 percent overall.

Troops to Teachers is administered by the Department of Defense and Department of Education and managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES). For more information, visit

http://www.ProudtoServeAgain.com or e-mail ttt@voled.doded.mil.

TCO Workshop

Twelve active duty Air Force training managers recently completed Test Control Officer (TCO) training in Pensacola, Fla. They deployed in May to conduct DANTES and other testing programs for forward deployed Airmen.

For more information about TCO training, visit

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes web/training/workshops.htm.



Marine with love of music receives certification

Bonica might not appear to have the profile of your typical Berkleemusic student. Then again, Bonica has never quite been typical in anything he has done. Bonica joined the Marine Corps at the age of 18 and while he continues to be proud of his decision to serve his country, Berkleemusic has allowed him to pursue studying what he truly loves, music.

While stationed in Miramar,
Calif., Bonica completed
Berkleemusic's Recording and
Production for Guitar with Pro
Tools Certificate, and is currently
enrolled in the Professional
Certificate for Electronic Music
Production and Sound Design. While
being in the Marines and taking
online courses may sound like an
impossible feat to

some, Bonica approaches the challenge with intense eagerness, and even sees some parallels between his dual careers.

"I try to learn something from everyone, which goes hand-in-hand with my current situation," he says. "Berkleemusic

has helped me discover that music is truly my number one passion and it is what I want to do full-time for the rest of my life."

In addition, Bonica has gained skills in the Marines that contribute directly to his musical aspirations. "My job here in the communications field working on electronics helps me with my musical goals."

While balancing his



Marine Cpl. Andrew Bonica combines musical studies with his Marine Corps training.

responsibilities has been tough, Bonica has been able to keep up by maintaining a good perspective and working hard. "I was also working

One of the DANTES

schools. Berkleemusic is

the online Extension

of Music, the world's

Boston-based Berklee

College of Music is the

study of contemporary

college.

music.

External Degree Catalog

School of Berklee College

largest independent music

Founded in 1945, the

premier institution for the

on a degree in telecommunications, so after work I would have class for that, then on top of that I would have Berkleemusic classes. But it's something I really want to accomplish, and doing it on my own gives me more of a sense of self-accomplishment."

In the midst of his studies, Bonica was sent on a year-long tour of Iraq. "Taking classes while I was there was hard, because the Internet is really slow, the access is limited and somewhat unreliable," he recalls. "But I recorded and began to produce a song that three other Marines collaborated on." Bonica also saw his deployment to Iraq as an opportunity. "I believe everything happens for a reason, and my

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deployment gave me the chance to reflect on the things I am fortunate to have, such as my friends and my family and the dreams I want to accomplish. I use all these thoughts as motivation for my music, and then I write about it."

Bonica recognizes not only where he wants to go, but also how lucky he is to have the choices he does. "Hopefully, with Berkleemusic's help, I'll be a talented guitar player, a great producer, skilled engineer, and a creative songwriter all-in-one. It's worth working for, especially after seeing things in other parts of the world and recognizing how grateful we should be to have the educational opportunities that we do."

To see Cpl. Bonica's video, click http://www.berkleemusic.com/school/student-page?article_item_id = 7983480.

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Texas and Florida ACMEs held annual meetings

Both COMETS (Council on Military Education in Texas and the South) and FL-ACME (Florida Advisory Council on Military Education) held their annual meetings in April.

Kathie Walsh, incoming president of COMETS, asked the group to accept or reject a motion to sign a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a partnership with other ACMEs, the national organization, Council of College and Military Educators (CCME), and the Department of Defense (DoD). The COMETS membership decided that, in addition to focusing on challenges in their own states, they welcome the opportunity to collaborate with other ACMES, CCME, and DoD to work on cross-state issues. Presentations from the meeting are posted on the COMETS Web site at:

http://www.sa.wbu.edu/comets/home.htm.

Capt. James Brown, Commander, NAS Key West, welcomed more than 60 participants to the annual Florida ACME conference. From Service member testimonials to the latest in mobile distance learning initiatives, the conference program had something for everyone. Many attendees were intrigued by Troy University's David White and his demonstration of a relatively low-cost solution for online test security while David Sutton, Pensacola Junior College, lightened things up with "Stuck on Stupid? The Lifelong Benefits of Ignorance." Debbie Wiggins will continue to serve as president for the upcoming year. Visit the Florida ACME Web site at http://www.fla-acme.org for further information on the organization.

Top photo: David Sutton, Pensacola Junior College, presented a session entitled "Stuck on Stupid? The Lifelong Benefits of Ignorance" at the recent FL-ACME conference.

Bottom photo L to R: Vernon Taylor, Marine Corps; J.J. Jones, University of Maryland University College; Jeannie Fleming, Navy; WO1 Jeffrey Haycraft, Army National Guard; Ann Hunter, Navy; Cristina Dewey (moderator), Coastline Community College.

DANTES new mission brochure available online

Ever wonder what programs DANTES has? From testing and certification to publications and counseling, the new DANTES Mission Brochure (pictured at right, Stock number #3116) will explain the mission, history, and programs of DANTES. Each program mentioned in the brochure links to a DANTES Web page for more information. This brief tri-fold color brochure can be printed locally and replaces the large format booklet from years past. There is no printed version to order; this brochure is online only. The brochure is available at http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/distribution/3116.pdf.

It is also available on the front of the DANTES Web site under "About DANTES" and" Mission Brochure" and on the DANTES Internet Catalog of Materials at:

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/distribution/index.htm (Click on Catalog - Indexed by Product Number - 3116).









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From the Advisor's Desk

Community College of the Air Force turns 35

by MCPO Tim Zernick, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor



On March 30 the Community College of the Air Force celebrated its 35th anniversary with style. The CCAF is the only

MCPO Zernick

federally chartered degree-granting institution that exclusively serves enlisted personnel. The CCAF has awarded more than 298,600 degrees in its 35-year history. In 2006 the CCAF awarded 16,771 two-year degrees, which is more than twice as many two-year degrees as any other college. Because of the efforts of the CCAF, almost 22 percent of enlisted personnel in the Air Force have a college degree.

CCAF is based at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Ala., and:

- enhances mission readiness
- contributes to recruiting
- assists in retention
- supports transition from the military to a new civilian position.

The anniversary festivities included an Air University/
Community College of the Air Force
Professional Development Workshop for select Air Force sergeants from air bases around the country.

Master Sgt. Mark Hurst, who earned three Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart in Afghanistan and Iraq, was an honored guest and was presented his CCAF associate degree. Hurstt is featured in the Air Force publication *Portraits in Courage, Airmen in the Fight* http://www.aia.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-070301-082.pdf.

The celebration included a formal dinner with entertainment by the Air Force Strolling Strings.

"In any career or profession, a man's value is multiplied by his education. Schooling assures the good soldier a better chance to get ahead. It helps a man win promotion, more pay, and advancement in their knowledge of their vocation. A better educated soldier is a better soldier – more useful to his country and more useful to himself."

General Omar Bradley, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army

In attendance were several members of the flight crew of Medal of Honor recipient Airmen First Class William Pitsenbarger. To assist in the pursuit of a bachelor's degree, the Air Force Association honors select CCAF graduates with the Pitsenbarger Award.

Guest speaker was retired Chief Master Sgt. Ray White, Vice Chancellor for Troy
University, Montgomery
Campus. He illustrated how far enlisted education had grown since the time of the Revolutionary War to the present. The above quote from Gen. Bradley was from his speech.

He added, "CCAF, through its associate degree, produces better Airmen for the U.S. Air Force. This translates into more productivity and more effective decision making. As Gen. Bradley stated, 'with this education, you'll be more useful to your country and more useful to yourself.'"





At CCAF's 35th anniversary celebration were, pictured L to R: Retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Steve Beckman, DANTES Manager Counselor Support; Col. Thomas Klincar, Commandant, CCAF; Coast Guard Master Chief Petty Officer Tim Zernick, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor.

Thank you for supporting our Service members! The DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor Web page is http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/advisors/sea/index.htm.

Air Force education and training awards

Recently, Air Force awarded the Nathan Altschuler Award to four outstanding locations. This award recognizes the

Education and Training Flights (E&TF), which demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in providing and managing education and training opportunities. These Education Offices are winners in their respective categories for providing excellence in educational programs:

A. Category IA (Large): Awarded for excellence in Education and Training Program Management where active duty military and federal civilian employee serviced population is equal to or greater than 5,000.

Winner: 81 MSS, Keesler AFB, MS (AETC)

B. Category IB (Small)— Awarded for excellence in Education and Training Program Management where active duty military and federal civilian employee serviced population is less than 5,000.

Winner: 22 MSS, McConnell AFB, KS (AMC) (4-time winner out of last 5 years)

C. CATEGORY IC (Large)— Excellence in Education and Training Program Management for AFRC/ANG serviced population equal to or greater than 1,500.

Winner: 445 MSF, Wright Patterson AFB, OH (AFRC)

D. Category ID (Small)—Excellence in Education and Training Program Management for AFRC/ANG serviced population less than 1,500. Winner: 927 MSF, Selfridge ANGB, MI (AFRC)



Large category winner: MSS, Keesler AFB, MS (AETC)



Small category winner: MSS, McConnell AFB, KS (AMC)

Education and flight individual awards

The Air Force Education and Training Flight (E&TF) Individual Awards recognize individuals for outstanding achievement and for important contributions in education and training functions. The following individuals are winners in the Education and Training Flight Individual Awards:

A. Category I: Outstanding Education/Training MAJCOM, AFRC or ANG Headquarters Level Staff Member.

Winner: Laura G. Dean, Hickam AFB, HI (PACAF)

B. Category II: Outstanding Education/Training Manager (grades GS-11 through GS-14 to include Flight Chiefs, MEO Chiefs, ESOs).

Winner: Glenn D. Smith, Misawa AB, Japan (PACAF)

C. Category III: Outstanding Education/Training Specialist (grades GS-09 through GS-11, to include Guidance Counselors).

Winner: Donald A. Sprague, Altus AFB, OK (AETC)

D. Category IV: Outstanding Education/Training Technician/Specialist (grades GS-08 and below).

Winner: Diana R. Bryan, Beale AFB, CA (ACC)



Laura G. Dean - winner of Outstanding Education/ Training HQ Level Staff Member



Donald A. Sprague - winner of Outstanding Education/ **Training Specialist**

2007 DANTES Distance Learning Catalogs on CD Rom

DANTES has distributed the 2007 Distance Learning Catalogs on CD-ROM. The CDs are available to education services personnel. If you would like to order extra copies of the CD-ROM, e-mail <code>dstlearn@voled.doded.mil</code>. Provide us with your name, title, Service, installation, office mailing address, DANTES ID number, and how many copies you would like. There is a limit of five CDs; however, if you need more than five, let us know and we will try to accommodate you. You may also access the catalogs on line at http://www.dantes.doded.mil.

DANTES External Degree Catalog news

New schools affiliated with DANTES:

Monroe College

2501 Jerome Avenue

Bronx, NY 10468

(718) 933-6700 Toll Free: 800-55-MONROE Fax: (718) 364-3552

E-mail: btomlinson@monroecollege.edu
Internet: http://www.monroecollege.edu

Associate Degree in:

Business Administration

Criminal Justice

Medical Administration

Bachelor Degree in:

Business Management

Criminal Justice

Health Services Administration

New MOU with SpaceTEC

DANTES recently signed a new MOU with SpaceTEC. Their mission is to formalize aerospace technician education nationally and establish a skills-based standards program that has industry-wide endorsement. In 2002, the National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded funds to establish a National Aerospace Technical Education Center, thus SpaceTEC was formed.

SpaceTEC offers a credentialing exam for Certified Aerospace Technician. The certification requires candidates to pass three components to include Written (online), Oral, and Practical Exam. Candidates must take and pass the Core Written exam in order to take the Oral and Practical Exam. The exam is comprised of questions from six areas of focus:

- Applied Mechanics
- Introduction to Aerospace
- Aerospace Safety
- Materials & Process I and II
- · Basic Electricity
- Test and Measurements

DANTES looks forward to working with SpaceTEC, and we encourage interested personnel to visit their Web site at: http://www.spacetec.org/main.asp. Contact the DANTES Certification Programs section at certprog@voled.doded.mil or call DSN 922-1111 ext. 3213 or CML (850) 452-1111 ext. 3213.

Base education centers FAA inspector oversight

DANTES

Effective 10 May 2007, test centers that administer DANTES—sponsored tests are not required to be inspected by the FAA Flight Standards District Offices and International Field Offices. In the past, overseas base education centers experienced problems establishing as FAA exam delivery locations due to limited or no available FAA inspectors.

DANTES appreciates the support FAA Airman Testing Standards Branch Manager and the FAA/ DANTES Test Center Administrator (AFS-630) provide to make the FAA exams available to military personnel.

If your base education center is interested in establishing an FAA/CBT test center, contact certprog@voled.doded.mil or call DSN 922-1111 ext 3213 or ext. 3194.

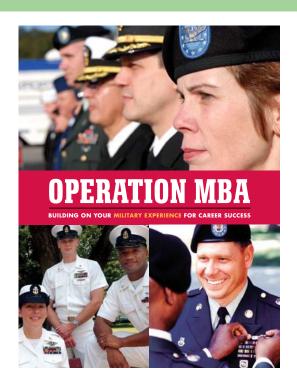
Operation MBA

Current stock of the 2006 MBA Planner (DANTES Stock #2401) has been shipped recently to each education center.

The new updated 2007 Operation MBA (pictured right) will be available soon for ordering, in addition to the online version.

These MBA resources are designed specifically for military personnel by the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC). The new 16-page color booklet is intended for education counselors and Service members and includes information about different MBA programs, the advantages of an MBA, FAQs, timelines for graduate studies, and where to get started.

When the booklet becomes available, there will be a maximum order of 200 per year. Check the DANTES Reference Publications Web site (http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/distribution/refs.htm) to view this and other publications available. To order publications, send an e-mail to the Distribution Center at dist@voled.doded.mil or call CML (850) 452-1082, DSN 922-1082.



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